

February 23, 2025, 11 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Verset on L'adoro Te* ~ Leon Boellmann

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

*Please sign the friendship pads and include your contact info, email, phone, and text.  
We want to make sure we can communicate better with you.*

Noisy Cans ~ *a collection of change and small bills for our local food pantry*

Choral Introit

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship

In this sacred space,  
trust in the Holy Spirit.  
On this sabbath day,  
take delight in Jesus Christ.  
Among the faithful,  
commit your way to the Lord.  
Worship the triune God with gladness!

Opening Prayer

God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn evil into good, sorrow into rejoicing, and death into everlasting life. Teach us your way of grace, to meet hatred with kindness, to answer curses with blessing, to love without holding back, to give without thought of return; all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Time

\*Hymn ~ *O for a World* ~ No. 372

O for a world where everyone  
respects each other's ways,  
where love is lived and all is done  
with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared  
and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared,  
equality achieved.

We welcome one world family  
and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity  
and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong;  
the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,  
who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for  
God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more,  
and all but love will cease.

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Presentation of the Offering

#### \*Doxology ~ No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,  
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### Anthem ~ *Praise to the Lord* ~ Robert Lind

### Passing of the Peace

#### Prayer for Illumination ~ No. 455

Listen to the word that God has spoken;  
listen to the One who is close at hand;  
listen to the voice that began creation;  
listen even if you don't understand.

## Readings

### *Genesis 45:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

### *Luke 6:27-38*

<sup>27</sup>"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Word of God  
**The Word of Life**

Message

Music for Meditation

Hymn ~*Be Still, My Soul* ~ No. 819

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide,  
who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future surely as the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord;  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Eins ist not, ach Herr* ~ J.S. Bach

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**Book Club will have an  
organizational meeting  
TODAY following  
worship.**

**Current and new  
members invited to  
attend!**

***Dinner Out  
Tuesday, February 25th, 5pm  
Randy's Fireside  
Join us for food, fun and  
fellowship!  
Sign up in Fellowship Hall.***

## Prayer List

Margaret Quigley	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Judy Sanchez	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
Joe Gullo	David	Chase Ewoldt
Dale Isenberg	Diane Trippany	Avrie Sinesiou
Joseph Kwiatkowski	Alyssa Daly and Family	Renee Ensell
Ken Stebbins	Punkie & Craig Sinesiou	Kim Whitney
Judi Blair	Barbara Compher	Carol Bess
Thomas Burian	Sylvia Lynch	Russ Wikoff

*\*\*Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added.  
Thank you for your help! \*\**

Happy Birthday to:  
28 ~ Chris Norton, John Hausman

## CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 2/23/25

Sunday – Feb. 23 <i>Noisy Cans</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship Noon Book Club Organizational Meeting
Tuesday - Feb. 25	5pm Dinner Out at Randy's Fireside 6:30pm Scouts
Thursday - Feb. 27	4pm Worship Team 5pm Finance 5:30pm BYO Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:30 Scouts 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Feb. 28	10am Coffee & Conversation at N Union Tim Hortons
Sunday – March 2 <i>Communion</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship

If you wish to speak with Pastor Bruce, please call 716-378-6773.

